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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am in favor of the Microsoft settlement agreement. The terms of the agreement are reasonable, and this case should be finalized for once and for all.

By entering into this agreement, Microsoft has essentially agreed to assist its competitors in their quest to compete at the same level as Microsoft. Microsoft has agreed to disclose portions of its code to the other software companies. They have also agreed to design future editions of Windows in such a way that it will be easier to remove features of Windows and replace those features with software designed by Microsoft's competitors. I am satisfied that these types of concessions will achieve the underlying goal of ensuring fair competition is restored.

I feel that The Department of Justice has acted prudently in deciding to settle this case.

The Microsoft Corporation has made extraordinary achievements since it's inception, helping to provide the world with a tool second to none and should not be further penalized for their achievements. Further, I speak from a computer owner's standpoint and not as a stock holder.

Sincerely,

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